

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: : Chapter 13
: NO. 17-13760-MDC
Lisa Rose Mariani, :
: MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN
: as per 11 USC 1329

ORDER

AND NOW, this 30th day of September 2022, upon consideration of the Debtor(s) Motion to Modify Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Rule of Procedure 1329, and any response thereto, and after a hearing on the matter, it appears that:

WHEREFORE it is ORDERED that the Debtor's Motion to Modify the Plan is

GRANTED.



Magdeline D. Coleman
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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Debtor's Motion to Modify Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan

Lisa Mariani, by and through her counsel, Helm Legal Services LLC, moves this court to enter an Order modifying her Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan and avers as follows:

On May 31, 2017, Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under Title 11, chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.

This Court has jurisdiction over the matters presented herein, which are core in nature, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(2)(A)(B), 28 U.S.C. §1334, and 11 U.S.C. §1329.

On 9/19/19 (ECF# 135) this Court confirmed Debtor's plan of reorganization ("Plan"). Under the terms of the plan as originally confirmed, Debtor proposed payments at \$2,188.83 per month to the chapter 13 trustee ("Trustee") for 34 months. The plan provided for \$816.48 in total payments, with a present value of \$816.48, to unsecured, non-priority claimants.

Thereafter, the plan was modified as follows:

1. On 10/28/20 (ECF# 178) an Order was entered modifying the Plan. The modification changed the monthly payment amount by reducing the payments to \$1395.59 beginning in November 2020 and extending the term of the Plan to 84 months. A modification to the Plan was required because due to Covid Hardship. (the confirmed plan and all subsequently approved modifications are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Plan.").
2. Debtors signed a Forbearance and Trial Payment Plan Agreement with her mortgage lender, Gregory Funding LLC, on November 3, 2021. The Plan addressed repayment

of certain Covid Forbearance Payments. See ECF # 150 and 175.

3. Included in the Agreement was 6 months of Trial Payments to Lender commencing on 12/1/21.
4. Debtor timely made each successive Trial Payment to Lender.
5. The Forbearance Agreement provided upon satisfactory payment of 6 Trial Payments; lender would modify the loan permanently.
6. Debtor awaits final documentation so she may submit for Court Approval of the Loan Modification.
7. Debtor seeks dismissal of Secured Lender's Proof of Claim # 3 filed 9/9/2019 indicating an amount to cure default of \$90,554.38 upon granting of Loan Modification.
8. The additional arrears due lender/ past due payments under the Plan will be satisfied by modifying the payments due under the Plan. Payments shall be decreased to \$89.81 beginning with the payment due for 10/1/22. The term of Debtor(s)' Plan shall decrease from 84 months to 73 months.
9. Distributions to unsecured, non-priority claimants shall not be affected by this modification.

WHEREFORE, Lisa R Mariani, debtor in the above captioned proceedings, prays that after notice, the expiration of all legal delays, and hearing, that this Motion to Modify Plan be granted and that Debtor's Plan be modified to decrease the payments due for 10/1/2022 through 8/1/2023; that modified payments of be approved; and for all other general and equitable relief.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul AR Stewart
Helm Legal Services LLC
Paul A R Stewart
Counsel for Debtor

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Paul A. R. Stewart, Esquire, hereby certify that on August 2, 2022, I served via first class regular mail and/or electronic filing, with a true and correct copy of the Debtor's Motion to Modify Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan upon:

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United States Trustee
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Kenneth E. West (Trustee)
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PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107

/s/ Paul A.R. Stewart

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L.B.F. 3015.1

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Debtor(s)

Amended Chapter 13 Plan Post Confirmation

☐ Original
☒ 6th Amended

Date: August 2, 2022

**THE DEBTOR HAS FILED FOR RELIEF UNDER
CHAPTER 13 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE AFFECTED

You should have received from the court a separate Notice of the Hearing on Confirmation of Plan, which contains the date of the confirmation hearing on the Plan proposed by the Debtor. This document is the actual Plan proposed by the Debtor to adjust debts. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney. **ANYONE WHO WISHES TO OPPOSE ANY PROVISION OF THIS PLAN MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION** in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3015 and Local Rule 3015-4. **This Plan may be confirmed and become binding, unless a written objection is filed.**

**IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION UNDER THE PLAN, YOU
MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE DEADLINE STATED IN THE
NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS.**

Part 1: Bankruptcy Rule 3015.1(c) Disclosures

- ☒ Plan contains non-standard or additional provisions – see Part 9
☐ Plan limits the amount of secured claim(s) based on value of collateral – see Part 4
☐ Plan avoids a security interest or lien – see Part 4 and/or Part 9

Part 2: Plan Payment, Length and Distribution – PARTS 2(c) & 2(e) MUST BE COMPLETED IN EVERY CASE

§ 2(a) Plan payments (For Initial and Amended Plans):

Total Length of Plan: _____ months.

Total Base Amount to be paid to the Chapter 13 Trustee (“Trustee”) \$ 898.13
Debtor shall pay the Trustee \$ _____ per month for _____ months and then
Debtor shall pay the Trustee \$ _____ per month for the remaining _____ months;

or

Debtor shall have already paid the Trustee \$ 64,782.54 through month number 63 and
then shall pay the Trustee \$ 89.13 per month for the remaining 10 months.

☐ Other changes in the scheduled plan payment are set forth in § 2(d)

§ 2(b) Debtor shall make plan payments to the Trustee from the following sources in addition to future wages (Describe source, amount and date when funds are available, if known):

§ 2(c) Alternative treatment of secured claims:

☒ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 2(c) need not be completed.

☐ **Sale of real property**

See § 7(c) below for detailed description

☐ **Loan modification with respect to mortgage encumbering property:**

See § 4(f) below for detailed description

§ 2(d) Other information that may be important relating to the payment and length of Plan:

§ 2(e) Estimated Distribution:

A. Total Priority Claims (Part 3)

1. Unpaid attorney's fees \$ _____

2. Unpaid attorney's costs \$ _____

3. Other priority claims (e.g., priority taxes) \$ _____

B. Total distribution to cure defaults (§ 4(b)) \$ _____

C. Total distribution on secured claims (§§ 4(c) &(d)) \$ _____

D. Total distribution on general unsecured claims(Part 5) \$ 816.48

Subtotal \$ 816.48

E. Estimated Trustee's Commission \$ 81.65

F. Base Amount \$ 898.13

§2 (f) Allowance of Compensation Pursuant to L.B.R. 2016-3(a)(2)

☐ By checking this box, Debtor's counsel certifies that the information contained in Counsel's Disclosure of Compensation [Form B2030] is accurate, qualifies counsel to receive compensation pursuant to L.B.R. 2016-3(a)(2), and requests this Court approve counsel's compensation in the total amount of \$_____, with the Trustee distributing to counsel the amount stated in §2(e)A.1. of the Plan. Confirmation of the plan shall constitute allowance of the requested compensation.

Part 3: Priority Claims

§ 3(a) Except as provided in § 3(b) below, all allowed priority claims will be paid in full unless the creditor agrees otherwise.

Creditor	Claim Number	Type of Priority	Amount to be Paid by Trustee

§ 3(b) Domestic Support obligations assigned or owed to a governmental unit and paid less than full amount.

☒ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 3(b) need not be completed.

☐ The allowed priority claims listed below are based on a domestic support obligation that has been assigned to or is owed to a governmental unit and will be paid less than the full amount of the claim. *This plan provision requires that payments in § 2(a) be for a term of 60 months; see 11 U.S.C. § 1322(a)(4).*

Name of Creditor	Claim Number	Amount to be Paid by Trustee

Part 4: Secured Claims

§ 4(a) Secured Claims Receiving No Distribution from the Trustee:

☒ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 4(a) need not be completed.

Creditor	Claim Number	Secured Property
<input type="checkbox"/> If checked, the creditor(s) listed below will receive no distribution from the trustee and the parties' rights will be governed by agreement of the parties and applicable nonbankruptcy law.		
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§ 4(b) Curing default and maintaining payments

☒ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 4(b) need not be completed.

The Trustee shall distribute an amount sufficient to pay allowed claims for prepetition arrearages; and, Debtor shall pay directly to creditor monthly obligations falling due after the bankruptcy filing in accordance with the parties' contract.

Creditor	Claim Number	Description of Secured Property and Address, if real property	Amount to be Paid by Trustee

§ 4(c) Allowed secured claims to be paid in full: based on proof of claim or pre-confirmation determination of the amount, extent or validity of the claim

☒ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 4(c) need not be completed.

(1) Allowed secured claims listed below shall be paid in full and their liens retained until completion of payments under the plan.

(2) If necessary, a motion, objection and/or adversary proceeding, as appropriate, will be filed to determine the amount, extent or validity of the allowed secured claim and the court will make its determination prior to the confirmation hearing.

(3) Any amounts determined to be allowed unsecured claims will be treated either: (A) as a general unsecured claim under Part 5 of the Plan or (B) as a priority claim under Part 3, as determined by the court.

(4) In addition to payment of the allowed secured claim, "present value" interest pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1325(a)(5)(B)(ii) will be paid at the rate and in the amount listed below. *If the claimant included a different interest rate or amount for "present value" interest in its proof of claim or otherwise disputes the amount provided for "present value" interest, the claimant must file an objection to confirmation.*

(5) Upon completion of the Plan, payments made under this section satisfy the allowed secured claim and release the corresponding lien.

Name of Creditor	Claim Number	Description of Secured Property	Allowed Secured Claim	Present Value Interest Rate	Dollar Amount of Present Value Interest	Amount to be Paid by Trustee

§ 4(d) Allowed secured claims to be paid in full that are excluded from 11 U.S.C. § 506

☒ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 4(d) need not be completed.

The claims below were either (1) incurred within 910 days before the petition date and secured by a purchase money security interest in a motor vehicle acquired for the personal use of the debtor(s), or (2) incurred within 1 year of the petition date and secured by a purchase money security interest in any other thing of value.

(1) The allowed secured claims listed below shall be paid in full and their liens retained until completion of payments under the plan.

(2) In addition to payment of the allowed secured claim, "present value" interest pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1325(a)(5)(B)(ii) will be paid at the rate and in the amount listed below. If the claimant included a different interest rate or amount for "present value" interest in its proof of claim, the court will determine the present value interest rate and amount at the confirmation hearing.

Name of Creditor	Claim Number	Description of Secured Property	Allowed Secured Claim	Present Value Interest Rate	Dollar Amount of Present Value Interest	Amount to be Paid by Trustee

§ 4(e) Surrender

☒ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 4(e) need not be completed.

- (1) Debtor elects to surrender the secured property listed below that secures the creditor's claim.
 (2) The automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) and 1301(a) with respect to the secured property terminates upon confirmation of the Plan.
 (3) The Trustee shall make no payments to the creditors listed below on their secured claims.

Creditor	Claim Number	Secured Property

§ 4(f) Loan Modification

☐ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 4(f) need not be completed.

(1) Debtor shall pursue a loan modification directly with Gregory Funding LLC or its successor in interest or its current servicer ("Mortgage Lender"), in an effort to bring the loan current and resolve the secured arrearage claim.

(2) During the modification application process, Debtor shall make adequate protection payments directly to Mortgage Lender in the amount of \$ 2161.59 per month, which represents forbearance payments (**describe basis of adequate protection payment**). Debtor shall remit the adequate protection payments directly to the Mortgage Lender.

(3) If the modification is not approved by 12/1/2022 (date), Debtor shall either (A) file an amended Plan to otherwise provide for the allowed claim of the Mortgage Lender; or (B) Mortgage Lender may seek relief from the automatic stay with regard to the collateral and Debtor will not oppose it.

Part 5: General Unsecured Claims

§ 5(a) Separately classified allowed unsecured non-priority claims

☐ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 5(a) need not be completed.

Creditor	Claim Number	Basis for Separate Classification	Treatment	Amount to be Paid by Trustee

§ 5(b) Timely filed unsecured non-priority claims

(1) Liquidation Test (**check one box**)

- ☒ All Debtor(s) property is claimed as exempt.
☐ Debtor(s) has non-exempt property valued at \$ _____ for purposes of § 1325(a)(4) and plan provides for distribution of \$ 816.48 to allowed priority and unsecured general creditors.

(2) Funding: § 5(b) claims to be paid as follows (**check one box**):

- ☐ Pro rata
☒ 100%
☐ Other (Describe)

Part 6: Executory Contracts & Unexpired Leases

☒ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 6 need not be completed.

Creditor	Claim Number	Nature of Contract or Lease	Treatment by Debtor Pursuant to §365(b)

Part 7: Other Provisions

§ 7(a) General principles applicable to the Plan

(1) Vesting of Property of the Estate (*check one box*)

☒ Upon confirmation

☐ Upon discharge

(2) Subject to Bankruptcy Rule 3012 and 11 U.S.C. §1322(a)(4), the amount of a creditor's claim listed in its proof of claim controls over any contrary amounts listed in Parts 3, 4 or 5 of the Plan.

(3) Post-petition contractual payments under § 1322(b)(5) and adequate protection payments under § 1326(a)(1)(B),(C) shall be disbursed to the creditors by the debtor directly. All other disbursements to creditors shall be made by the Trustee.

(4) If Debtor is successful in obtaining a recovery in a personal injury or other litigation in which Debtor is the plaintiff, before the completion of plan payments, any such recovery in excess of any applicable exemption will be paid to the Trustee as a special Plan payment to the extent necessary to pay priority and general unsecured creditors, or as agreed by the Debtor and the Trustee and approved by the court.

§ 7(b) Affirmative duties on holders of claims secured by a security interest in debtor's principal residence

(1) Apply the payments received from the Trustee on the pre-petition arrearage, if any, only to such arrearage.

(2) Apply the post-petition monthly mortgage payments made by the Debtor to the post-petition mortgage obligations as provided for by the terms of the underlying mortgage note.

(3) Treat the pre-petition arrearage as contractually current upon confirmation for the Plan for the sole purpose of precluding the imposition of late payment charges or other default-related fees and services based on the pre-petition default or default(s). Late charges may be assessed on post-petition payments as provided by the terms of the mortgage and note.

(4) If a secured creditor with a security interest in the Debtor's property sent regular statements to the Debtor pre-petition, and the Debtor provides for payments of that claim directly to the creditor in the Plan, the holder of the claims shall resume sending customary monthly statements.

(5) If a secured creditor with a security interest in the Debtor's property provided the Debtor with coupon books for payments prior to the filing of the petition, upon request, the creditor shall forward post-petition coupon book(s) to the Debtor after this case has been filed.

(6) Debtor waives any violation of stay claim arising from the sending of statements and coupon books as set forth above.

§ 7(c) Sale of Real Property

☒ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of § 7(c) need not be completed.

(1) Closing for the sale of _____ (the "Real Property") shall be completed within _____ months of the commencement of this bankruptcy case (the "Sale Deadline"). Unless otherwise agreed by the parties or provided by the Court, each allowed claim secured by the Real Property will be paid in full under §4(b)(1) of the Plan at the closing ("Closing Date").

(2) The Real Property will be marketed for sale in the following manner and on the following terms:

(3) Confirmation of this Plan shall constitute an order authorizing the Debtor to pay at settlement all customary closing expenses and all liens and encumbrances, including all § 4(b) claims, as may be necessary to convey good and marketable title to the purchaser. However, nothing in this Plan shall preclude the Debtor from seeking court approval of the sale pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §363, either prior to or after confirmation of the Plan, if, in the Debtor's judgment, such approval is necessary or in order to convey insurable title or is otherwise reasonably necessary under the circumstances to implement this Plan.

(4) At the Closing, it is estimated that the amount of no less than \$_____ shall be made payable to the Trustee.

(5) Debtor shall provide the Trustee with a copy of the closing settlement sheet within 24 hours of the Closing Date.

(6) In the event that a sale of the Real Property has not been consummated by the expiration of the Sale Deadline:_____.

Part 8: Order of Distribution

The order of distribution of Plan payments will be as follows:

- Level 1:** Trustee Commissions*
- Level 2:** Domestic Support Obligations
- Level 3:** Adequate Protection Payments
- Level 4:** Debtor's attorney's fees
- Level 5:** Priority claims, pro rata
- Level 6:** Secured claims, pro rata
- Level 7:** Specially classified unsecured claims
- Level 8:** General unsecured claims
- Level 9:** Untimely filed general unsecured non-priority claims to which debtor has not objected

****Percentage fees payable to the standing trustee will be paid at the rate fixed by the United States Trustee not to exceed ten (10) percent.***

Part 9: Non Standard or Additional Plan Provisions

Under Bankruptcy Rule 3015.1(e), Plan provisions set forth below in Part 9 are effective only if the applicable box in Part 1 of this Plan is checked. Nonstandard or additional plan provisions placed elsewhere in the Plan are void.

☐ **None.** If "None" is checked, the rest of Part 9 need not be completed.

Debtor has complied with Trial Payment Plan for Loan Modification.

Debtor is currently awaiting final modification documents.

Loan Modification will cure all arrears. As such, Debtor would seek to dismiss mortgage company's proof of claim.

Part 10: Signatures

By signing below, attorney for Debtor(s) or unrepresented Debtor(s) certifies that this Plan contains no nonstandard or additional provisions other than those in Part 9 of the Plan, and that the Debtor(s) are aware of, and consent to the terms of this Plan.

Date: August 2, 2022

/s/ Paul A.R. Stewart
Attorney for Debtor(s)

If Debtor(s) are unrepresented, they must sign below.

Date: _____

Debtor

Date: _____

Joint Debtor